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SUBJECT: US CITIZEN PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA: COURT RECESS AND
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENTS GROUP,
COUNTRY OFFICER WAS ASKED ABOUT APPLICABILITY OF SUPPOSED
PROVISION IN BOLIVIAN CONSTITUTION REQUIRING SENTENCING OF
ACCUSED WITHIN ONE YEAR. DOES SUCH A PROVISION EXIST? IF
SO, IS THERE ANY WAY IT COULD BE APPLIED TO LEGAL PROCESS
OF THOSE ALREADY DETAINED OVER ONE YEAR?

2. IN ADDITION, CONFLICTING VERSIONS HAVE REACHED US ABOUT
EXTENT OF BOLIVIA'S TRADITIONAL COURT RECESS. IS IT ONLY
THE LOWER COURTS WHICH WILL RECESS? WILL SUPREME COURT
AND SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUE TO SIT? PLEASE PROVIDE DEPART-
MENT WITH SCHEDULE OF ALL RELEVANT BOLIVIAN COURTS FOR THE
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